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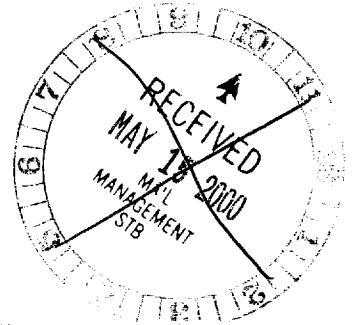
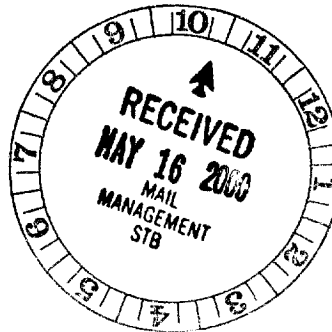
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Dear Sirs:

**RE: MAJOR RAIL CONSOLIDATION PROCEDURES
- ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING (ANPR)**

In response to your request for comments, we hereby confirm that the position of the Council of Forest Industries (COFI) is accurately set out in the submission that is concurrently being filed by the Western Canadian Shippers' Coalition (WCSC) dated May 12, 2000.

In the event you have any additional questions or comments as to COFI's position in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the above address.

Yours truly,

Ian May

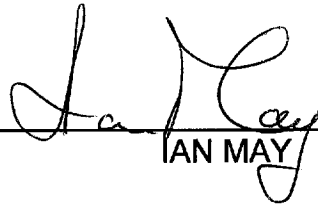
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify on this 12th day of May, 2000 that I served copies of the foregoing submission on all parties of record by first class mail, postage pre-paid, in accordance with the Board's Decision of April 27, 2000 (service date - late release April 28, 2000).

COUNCIL OF FOREST INDUSTRIES

Per:



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